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AMENDMENT

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SIRS:

Responsive to the Office Action of 7/26/02, please amend the  
above as follows:

Claims 1-10, and 36-41, cancel without prejudice.

Add claims 42-47, appearing in the Appendix 1-3 attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 42-47 are in the application. Claims 1-10 directed  
to non-elected matter has been cancelled to put this case into  
condition for allowance. These non-elected claims will shortly  
be the subject of one or more divisional applications. Claims  
36-41 have been amended along the lines suggested by the Examiner  
in order to avoid the cited reference Balch, and thus obtain  
allowance, and now appears in clean copy of New Claims 42-47.

In view of the suggested amendments having been made, allowance  
is respectfully requested for the new claims 42-47.

The objection to "double patenting" has been carefully studied.  
Both SN 09/631,609 (instant case) and 09/792,967 have (a) the same  
inventor/applicant, and (b) the same assignee. The instant applica-  
tion was filed first on 8/4/00, whereas 09/792,967 was filed on  
2/26/01. Both claim convention priority on 00/156,231 filed 5/26/00.  
In addition SN 09/631,609 claims convention priority on 11/250,213